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PSYCHOLOGY 350

Introduction to Social Psychology

Tuesday and Thursday, 12:40-2:00 p.m., Chem/Pharm, Rm. 109

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TEXT

Social Psychology, Fifth Edition, Brehm, Kassir, and Fein, ©2002

STUDENT RESOURCE WEBSITE

http://college.hmco.com/psychology/brehm/social_psychology/5e/students/

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Social psychology is the scientific study of the way people think, feel, desire, and behave in social situations. A social psychologist may investigate how such factors as prejudice, group polarization, victimization, compliance, obedience, perceived power or authority, and self-concept affect how individuals behave toward and with other people. Social psychologists are interested in how people influence others and are influenced by their social environment. The primary goal of this course is to introduce you to theory, research methods, empirical findings, and the perspectives in the field of social psychology. A secondary goal of this course is to facilitate your understanding of how the social and political environment can influence our thinking, behavior and current zeitgeist (social and political climate). By the end of the course, you should walk away with a more critical and integrative way of thinking about theory, research and everyday behavior of individuals in a social context.

COURSE FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS

Consistent with all 300-level courses, this class will move fast and falling behind on attendance or the reading is ill-advised. You can expect to read roughly 30 pages each week for success in the completion of this course.

Grading Breakdown

4 Exams (1 st is open book):	(60 points each)	240 Points
3 Projects:	(20 points each)	<u>60 Points</u>
		300 Points Total

GRADING SCALE	
GRADE	POINTS
A	310 - 279
B	278 - 248
C	247 - 217
D	216 - 186
F	185 - 0

Evaluative Measures for this Course

Exams

- ◆ There are 62 points possible on each exam, however your score is taken out of 60 points; therefore you can earn 2 extra points on each exam or flub two questions without harm to your grade.
- ◆ If you are unhappy with an exam score or you miss an exam you may take the CUMULATIVE replacement exam during finals week. This exam is not required unless you have missed one of the four previous exams.
- ◆ The first exam is open book/note...but only the first. The open book exam allows you to become familiar with my testing style. The remaining exams are NOT open book/note. Note: Open book, open note evaluative measures still require studying!
- ◆ Given the size of this class, most of the exams will be multiple choice, if you are uncomfortable taking multiple choice format exams, please come see me. I may be able to help with study tips.

Projects

I will hand out an instruction sheet with each project assignment; you needn't worry about these projects until they are made available. These are group projects; you will be assigned to a group the second week of class, don't be truant (no grumbling...this is a social psychology course after all)!

Make-Up Exams & Projects

If you have a medical emergency or some other crisis, you must let me know PRIOR to the due date for any projects. Typically, I do not accept late material.

Students with Special Needs

I am happy to provide accommodations for students who have a DSS approved learning disability, please arrange this with me at the onset of the course.

Be Flexible!

The syllabus may be amended given that life interferes with schedules, be flexible and come to class so that you are privy to any change or adjustments that may be made.

[WARNINGS]

- Films are from my personal collection; the library does not have them. If you miss a film, **you are responsible for obtaining the notes** from someone in class. **I do NOT loan out the films.**

COURSE SCHEDULE

(I reserve the right to make adjustments)

WEEK ONE

Tues., Jan. 28 th	Chapter 1 & 2	Reading: pp. 1-21	No Assignments
Thurs., Jan. 30 th	Chapter 1 & 2	Reading: pp. 22-50	Handout Project 1

WEEK TWO

Tues., Feb. 4 th	Chapter 3	Reading: pp. 53-71	No Assignments
Thurs., Feb. 6 th	Chapter 3	Reading: pp. 72-90	No Assignments

WEEK THREE

Tues., Feb. 11 th	Exam 1 (Ch. 1-3)	OPEN BOOK/NOTE	
Thurs., Feb. 13 th	Chapter 4	Reading: pp.	Due: Project 1

WEEK FOUR

Tues., Feb. 18 th	Chapter 4	Reading: pp.	No Assignments
Thurs., Feb. 20 th	Chapter 5	Reading: pp.	No Assignments

WEEK FIVE

Tues., Feb. 25 th	Chapter 5	Reading: pp.	No Assignments
Thurs., Feb. 27 th	Chapter 6	Reading: pp.	No Assignments

WEEK SIX

Tues., Mar. 4 th	Chapter 6	Reading: pp.	No Assignments
Thurs., Mar. 6 th	*Psychology of Religion	Supplement	No Assignments

WEEK SEVEN

Tues., Mar. 11 th	Exam 2 (Ch. 4-6)	Closed Book/Note	No Assignments
Thurs., Mar. 20 th	Chapter 7	Reading: pp.	Handout Project 2

WEEK NINE

Tues., April 1 st	Chapter 7	Reading: pp.	No Assignments
Thurs., April. 3 rd	Chapter 8	Reading: pp.	No Assignments

WEEK TEN

Tues., April. 8 th	Chapter 8	Reading: pp.	No Assignments
Thurs., April. 10 th	Chapter 9	Readings: pp.	Due: Project 2

WEEK ELEVEN

Tues., April. 15 th	Chapter 9	Reading: pp.	No Assignments
Thurs., April. 17 th	Chapter 10	Reading: pp.	Handout Project 3

WEEK TWELVE

Tues., April. 22 nd	Chapter 10	Reading: pp.	No Assignments
Thurs., April. 24 th	Exam 3 (Ch. 7-10)	Closed Book/Note	No Assignments

WEEK THIRTEEN

Tues., April. 29 th	Chapter 11	Reading: pp.	No Assignments
Thurs., May. 1 st	Chapter 12	Reading: pp.	No Assignments

WEEK FOURTEEN

Tues., May. 6 th	**Chapter 14	Reading: pp.	Due: Project 3
Thurs., May. 8 th	Exam 4 (Ch. 10-14)	Closed Book/Note	No Assignments

WEEK FIFTEEN

See Bear Tracks for Time and Location	REPLACEMENT EXAM
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*The topic, Psychology of Religion is a supplement to the textbook, don't miss this lecture!

**We are skipping Ch. 13 (you will NOT be responsible for this chapter on any exam)